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CONFIRMATION NO. 5830

FORMALITIES LETTER



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Date Mailed: 09/10/2001

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$468.
 - \$198 for 11 total claims over 20.
 - \$270 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1308.**

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

Practitioner's Docket No. U 013577-4**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**The application of: **HOO SIONG CHOW**Application No.: **09/921,007**Group No.: **2171**Filed: **AUGUST 2, 2001**

Examiner:

For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING ORDERING AND SUPPLY****Box Missing Part****Assistant Commissioner for Patents**
Washington, D.C. 20231**COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS
-- NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION***(check and complete this item, if applicable)*

I. This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533) or Notice of Informal Application mailed September 10, 2001.

NOTE: *If these papers are filed before the office letter issues, adequate identification of the original papers should be made, e.g., in addition to the name of the inventor and title of invention, the filing date based on the "Express Mail" procedure, the serial number from the return post card or the attorney's docket number added.*

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a) and 1.10*
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 Express Mail certification is optional.)*

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being:

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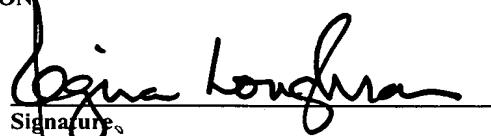
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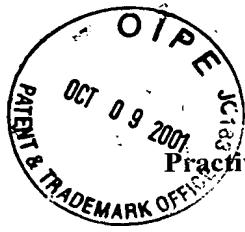
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 Signature _____

REGINA ANN LOUGHAN*(type or print name of person certifying)*

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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL,
CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

(check one applicable item below)

original.
 design.

NOTE: *With the exception of a supplemental oath or declaration submitted in a reissue, a supplemental oath or declaration is not treated as an amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 (Amendments after allowance). M.P.E.P. Section 714.16, 7th Ed.*

supplemental.

NOTE: *If the declaration is for an International Application being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application, do not check next item; check appropriate one of last three items.*

national stage of PCT.

NOTE: *If one of the following 3 items apply, then complete and also attach ADDED PAGES FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR C-I-P.*

NOTE: *See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63(d) (continued prosecution application) for use of a prior nonprovisional application declaration in the continuation or divisional application being filed on behalf of the same or fewer of the inventors named in the prior application.*

divisional.
 continuation.

NOTE: *Where an application discloses and claims subject matter not disclosed in the prior application, or a continuation or divisional application names an inventor not named in the prior application, a continuation-in-part application must be filed under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(b) (application filing requirements-nonprovisional application).*

continuation-in-part (C-I-P).

A copy of the Notice is enclosed.

NOTE: *The PTO requires that a copy of Form PTO-1533 be returned with the response to the notice to file missing parts to the application.*

DECLARATION OR OATH

II. (a) [X] No declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

NOTE: *If the correct inventor or inventors are not named on filing a nonprovisional application under Section 1.53(b) without an executed oath or declaration under Section 1.63, the later submission of an executed oath or declaration under Section 1.63 during the pendency of the application will act to correct the earlier identification of inventorship. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.48(j)(1).*

OR

(b) [] The declaration or oath that was filed was determined to be defective. A new original oath or declaration is attached.

NOTE: *For surcharge fee for filing declaration after filing date complete item VI(3) below.*

NOTE: *"The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed after the filing date are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63:*

- (A) application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456);
- (B) serial number and filing date;
- (C) attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed;
- (D) title which was on the specification as filed and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration; or
- (E) title which was on the specification as filed and accompanied by a cover letter accurately identifying the application for which it was intended by either the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456), or serial number and filing date. Absent any statement(s) to the contrary, it will be presumed that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the oath or declaration.

M.P.E.P. Section 601.01(a), 7th ed.

NOTE: *Another minimum found acceptable in the declaration is the filing date (i.e., date of express mail) and the express mail number, useful where the serial number is not yet known. But note the practice where the express mail deposit is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday within the District of Columbia. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10(c).*

(complete as applicable)

Attached is a

- (c) []** Statement by a registered attorney that the application filed in the PTO is the application that the inventor executed by signing the declaration.
- (d) []** Statement that the "attached" specification is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto that were filed in the PTO to obtain the filing date.
- (e) []** Statement that substitute specification contains no new matter.
- (f) [X]** Preliminary Amendment filed on August 28, 2001.
- (g) []** Transmittal of Formal Drawing(s) Prior to Notice of Allowance
- (h) []** Submission of "Sequence Listing," computer readable copy, and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

III. Cancel claims _____ inclusive.

TRANSMITTAL OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS

IV. Submitted herewith is an English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. Also submitted herewith is a statement by the translator of the accuracy of the translation. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the PTO.

NOTE: For fee processing a non-English application, complete item VI(5) below.

NOTE: A non-English oath or declaration in the form provided or approved by the PTO need not be translated. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.69(b).

NOTE: The translation for a regular application filed in a foreign language must be verified. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.52(d).

SMALL ENTITY STATUS

V. A statement that this filing is by a small entity

(check and complete applicable items)

is attached.

A separate refund request accompanies this paper.

was filed on _____ (original).

COMPLETION FEES

VI.

WARNING: Failure to submit the surcharge fees where required will cause the application to become abandoned. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53.

NOTE: For effect on fees of failure to establish status, or change status, as a small entity, see 37 C.F.R. Section 1.28(a).

1. Filing fee

original patent application
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(a)--\$740.00; small entity--\$370) \$ 370.00

design application
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(f)--\$330; small entity--\$165) \$ _____

2. Fees for claims

each independent claim in excess of 3
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)--\$84; small entity--\$42) \$ _____

each claim in excess of 20
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(c)--\$18; small entity--\$9) \$ 54.00 _____

multiple dependent claim(s)
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(d)--\$280; small entity--\$140) \$ _____

3. Surcharge fees

late payment of filing fee and/or late filing of original declaration or oath
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(e)--\$130; small entity--\$65) \$ 65.00 _____

NOTE: Even where a facsimile declaration or oath signed by the inventor(s) was part of the originally filed papers, the surcharge fee is required.

NOTE: If both the filing fee and declaration or oath were missing from the original papers, the Office practice under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(e) is that only one surcharge fee need be paid whether the later filed oath or declaration and/or the filing fee are submitted afterwards at the same time or at different times.

4. Petition and fee for filing by other than
all the inventors or a person not the inventor
(37 C.F.R. Sections 1.17(i) and 1.47--\$130) \$ _____

5. Fee for processing an application filed with
a specification in a non-English language
(37 C.F.R. Sections 1.17(k) and 1.52(d)--\$130) \$ _____

6. Fee for processing and retention of application
(37 C.F.R. Sections 1.21(l) and 1.53(d)--\$130) \$ _____

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(l) establishes a fee for processing and retaining any application which is abandoned for failing to complete the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(f) and this, as well as, the changes to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53 and 1.78 indicate that in order to obtain the benefit of a prior U.S. application, either the basic filing fee or the processing and retention fee of Section 1.21(l) within 1 year of notification under Section 1.53(f) must be paid.

7. Assignment (See "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET") \$ _____

Total completion fees \$ 489.00 _____

EXTENSION OF TIME

VII.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply.

(a) [] Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Extension (months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>
[] one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
[] two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
[] three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
[] four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00

Fee \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

[] An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

(b) [X] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE DUE

VIII.

The total fee due is

Completion fee(s) \$ 489.00
Extension fee (if any) \$ _____

Total Fee Due \$ 489.00

PAYMENT OF FEES

IX.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 489.00.

Charge Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____.
A duplicate of this request is attached.

NOTE: Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are paid. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.22(b).

Please charge Account No. 12-0425 for any fees which may be due by this paper.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

X.

WARNING: *Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges if extra claims are authorized.*

NOTE: "Amounts of twenty-five dollars or less will not be returned unless specifically requested within a reasonable time, nor will the payer be notified of such amounts; amounts over twenty-five dollars may be returned by check or, if requested, by credit to a deposit account." 37 C.F.R. Section 1.26(a).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the pendency of this application to Account No. 12-0425

37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

NOTE: Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims canceled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.

37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(5)(extension fees pursuant to Section 1.136(a)).
 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17 (application processing fees)

NOTE: "A written request may be submitted in an application that is an authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. An authorization to charge all required fees, fees under Section 1.17, or all required extension of time fees will be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission. Submission of the fee set forth in Section 1.17(a) will also be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission." 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a)(3).

[X] 37 C.F.R. Section 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.311(b))

NOTE: Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.311(b).

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. Section 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . prior to paying, or at the time of paying . . . issue fee . . ." From the wording of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.28(b): (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.



SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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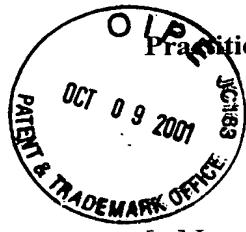
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Hoo Siong CHOW

Application No.: 09/921,007

Filed: August 2, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING ORDERING AND SUPPLY

Group No.:

Examiner:

*Patent No.:

Issue Date:

**NOTE: Insert name(s) of inventor(s) and title also for patent. Where statement is with respect to a maintenance fee payment, also insert application number and filing date, and add Box M. Fee to address.*

STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(c-f) and 1.27(b-d))

With respect to the invention described in

the specification filed herewith.

application no. 09/921,007, filed August 2, 2001.

patent no. _____ issued _____.

I. IDENTIFICATION AND RIGHTS AS A SMALL ENTITY

I hereby state that I am

(complete either (a), (b), (c) or (d) below)

(a) Independent Inventor

a below named independent inventor, and that I qualify as an independent inventor, as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office.

(b) Noninventor Supporting a Claim by Another

making this statement to support a claim by

for a small entity status for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code. I hereby state that I would qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, if I had made the above identified invention.

(c) Small Business Concern

the owner of the small business concern identified below:

check one → an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

Name of Concern _____

Address of Concern _____

and

that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern, as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

(d) Non-Profit Organization

an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

Name of Organization _____

Address of Organization _____

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

University or Other Institution of Higher Education

Tax Exempt Under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 USC 501(a) and 501(c) (3))

Nonprofit Scientific or Educational Under Statute of State of the United States of America

(Name of State _____)

(Citation of Statute _____)

Would Qualify as Tax Exempt Under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 USC 501(a) and 501(c) (3)), if Located in the United States of America

Would Qualify as Nonprofit Scientific or Educational Under Statute of State of the United States of America, if Located in the United States of America

(Name of State _____)

(Citation of Statute _____)

and that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization, as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code.

II. OWNERSHIP OF INVENTION BY DECLARANT

I hereby state that rights under contract or law remain with and/or have been conveyed to the above identified

person
(item (a) or (b) above)

concern
(item (c) above)

organization
(item (d) above)

EXCEPT, that if the rights held are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held (1) by any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, (2) any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or (3) a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

no such person, concern, or organization
 person, concerns or organizations listed below*

*NOTE: *Separate statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention as to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)*

Full Name _____
Address _____
 INDIVIDUAL SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Full Name _____
Address _____
 INDIVIDUAL SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DUTY TO NOTIFY PTO OF STATUS CHANGE

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

IV. DECLARATION

(check the following item, if desired)

NOTE: *The following verification statement need not be made in accordance with the rules published on October 10, 1997, 62 Fed. Reg. 52131, effective December 1, 1997.*

NOTE: *"The presentation to the Office (whether by signing, filing, submitting, or later advocating) of any paper by a party, whether a practitioner or non-practitioner, constitutes a certification under § 10.18(b) of this chapter. Violations of § 10.18(b)(2) of this chapter by a party, whether a practitioner or non-practitioner, may result in the imposition of sanctions under § 10.18(c) of this chapter. Any practitioner violating § 10.18(b) may also be subject to disciplinary action. See §§ 10.18(d) and 10.23(c)(15)." 37 CFR 1.4(d)(2).*

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

V. SIGNATURES

(complete only (e) or (f) below)

(e)

NOTE: All inventors must sign the statement.

Hoo Siong CHOW

Name of Inventor

(X)

Signature of Inventor

Date: (X) 4th Sept 2001

Name of Inventor

Date: _____

Signature of Inventor

Name of Inventor

Date: _____

Signature of Inventor

(add lines for any additional inventors who must sign)

or

(f)

NOTE: The title of the person signing on behalf of a concern or nonprofit organization should be specified.

Name of Person Signing _____

Title of Person _____

(if signing on behalf of a concern or non-profit organization)

Address of Person Signing _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____